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BOROUGH OF WESTON-SUPER-MARE

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1971

including the
REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Public Health Inspectors

Meat Inspector
Pupil P.H.I.
Clerical Staff

D. McGewan
G. P. Lawrence
J. Richards
J. G. Crowe
A. Burt
R. Green
D. Bennett - left 31.5.71
G. Elms - commenced 1.9.71
D. Davies
T. Jones - commenced 13.9.71
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Public Health Department,

Somerset House,

Oxford Street,

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of

The Borough of Weston-super-Mare

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the Borough, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1971.

I regret very much that my past chief, Dr. McGowan, is no longer with us to do this. He was full of knowledge and wisdom, was a most tolerant humane man to work with, and set an excellent example in conscientiousness and integrity.

He would have wished to express his appreciation to Mr. Lawrence, the Chief Public Health Inspector and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year and I do this for him. He would also have wished to thank the Chairman and members of the Health and Housing Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

I believe too that he would have liked to express his appreciation of the work done by all the members of our own Department.

Yours faithfully,

B. I. Dennis

Acting Medical Officer of Health

S U M M A R Y O F S T A T I S T I C S

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (including foreshore) ... 7,006 acres

Population - Registrar-General's estimate for mid-1971 49,540

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

<u>Live Births</u>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	307	287	594
Illegitimate	38	24	62
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	345	311	656
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Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) = 13.2

Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.20) = 15.8

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births = 9%

<u>Stillbirths</u>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	6	4	10
Illegitimate	1	1	2
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	7	5	12
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Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 18

Total live and stillbirths ... 668

<u>Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 year)</u>	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	7	5	12
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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	7	5	12
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Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births = 18

Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births = 20

Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births = Nil

Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) = 11

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live births) = 6

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 24

Maternal Deaths = Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = Nil

<u>Deaths - All ages</u>	Male	Female	Total
	356	424	780

Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) = 15.7

Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.61) = 9.6

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

BIRTHS

The Registrar-General gives the corrected number of live births in the town as 656 (345 boys and 311 girls), this being 11 more than in 1970. Of these births, 62 were illegitimate. This is 9.0 per cent of the total live births, as compared with 10.0 per cent in 1970.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1971 was 13.2 and when the comparability factor (1.20) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 15.8 per 1,000 of the total population, compared with 16.1 in 1970. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1970 was 16.0.

BIRTH RATES

YEAR	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
England and Wales	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	16.0
Weston-super-Mare	16.8	16.9	19.2	19.3	18.1	18.3	17.3	14.8	16.1	15.8
Percentage of Illegitimate Births to Total Births in Weston-super-Mare	7.1	7.0	7.4	6.5	7.0	9.0	10.0	9.0	10.0	9.0

STILLBIRTHS

The registered number of stillbirths in 1971 was 12 (7 males and 5 females), 2 of which were illegitimate, thus giving a stillbirth rate of 18 per 1,000 total births, as compared with 8.0 in 1970.

INFANT MORTALITY

Twelve deaths occurred in children under the age of one year in 1971 compared with eight in 1970. These twelve deaths give an Infant Mortality Rate of 18 per 1,000 live births, the Rate for England and Wales as a whole being 18.0. Four of the twelve deaths occurred during the first week after birth. The Perinatal Mortality (Deaths of Infants during the first week after birth plus stillbirths) was 24 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, compared with 22 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths due to maternal causes in 1971.

DEATHS

After correction for transferable deaths the total assigned to the Borough by the Registrar-General was 780 (356 males and 424 females). This is 53 less than in 1970 and gives a crude death rate of 15.7 per 1,000 of population. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the local death rate was 9.6 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales as a whole.

DEATH RATES

YEAR	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
England and Wales	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9	11.7	11.6
Corrected D.R. Weston-super-Mare	11.2	11.1	10.2	11.1	12.3	10.4	10.8	10.7	10.6	9.6

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS, 1971

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1	7	5	12
1 - 4	3	-	3
5 - 14	3	2	5
15 - 24	6	1	7
25 - 34	3	2	5
35 - 44	6	3	9
45 - 54	14	15	29
55 - 64	52	33	85
65 - 74	112	85	197
75+	150	278	428
	<u>356</u>	<u>424</u>	<u>780</u>
Total	356	424	780

INQUESTS ON RESIDENTS

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Child</u> (all male)	<u>Total</u>
<u>Natural Causes</u>	-	1	-	1
<u>Accidents</u>				
Fall at home	-	1	-	1
Fall in hospital	-	1	-	1
Fall - not stated where	-	1	-	1
Burns in the home	-	1	-	1
Suffocation	-	1	-	1
Drowned when fishing	1	-	-	1
Road accident	8	2	2	12
<u>Suicide</u>				
Barbiturate	-	4	-	4
Barbiturate & alcohol	1	-	-	1
Aspirin	-	1	-	1
Drowning in the bath	-	1	-	1
Injuries from throwing himself over Sea wall	1	-	-	1
<u>Manslaughter</u>				
Strangulation	-	-	1	1
<u>Murder</u>				
Stab wound	1	-	-	1
<u>Open Verdict</u>				
Barbiturate	2	1	-	3
Road accident	1	-	-	1
Found drowned on foreshore	-	1	-	1
Cause not found	1	-	-	1
Total	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>35</u>

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1971

Cause of Death	SEX	Total Under 4 Weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+											
		all Ages	4 Weeks	& under 1 year									
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Late effects of Respiratory T.B.	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, intestine	M	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	10
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	16	5
	F	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Leukaemia	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	21	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	6	7	5
	F	18	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	7	5
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diabetes Mellitus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other Endocrine, etc Diseases	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Meningitis	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Hypertensive Disease	M	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	5	5
	F	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	12
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	108	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	23	33	46
	F	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	18	64
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11
	F	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5	28
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	12	25
	F	92	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	17	71
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	5
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	18
Influenza	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	M	16	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	10
	F	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	15
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	8
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2

CAUSES OF DEATH (contd.)

SEX	all Ages	Total Under 4 Weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+											& under 1 year
		4	Weeks	1	year								
Asthma	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	M	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
	F	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Appendicitis	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	M	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
	F	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	4
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Symptoms and Ill-defined conditions	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	11	-	-	2	-	5	-	1	-	1	1	1
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-
All Other External Causes	M	4	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	356	3	4	3	3	6	3	6	14	52	112	150
	F	424	4	1	-	2	1	2	3	15	33	85	278

POPULATION

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF POPULATION

IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE 1940 - 1971

(1931 Census 31,706)	1956 ... 40,300
1940 ... 41,810	1957 ... 40,600
1941 ... 44,500	1958 ... 40,800
1942 ... 41,250	1959 ... 41,150
1943 ... 38,100	1960 ... 41,110
1944 ... 37,930	1961 ... 42,450
1945 ... 37,470	(1961 Census 43,938)
1946 ... 38,890	1962 ... 42,750
1947 ... 39,590	1963 ... 43,150
1948 ... 39,710	1964 ... 43,620
1949 ... 39,830	1965 ... 43,910
1950 ... 40,210	1966 ... 43,910
1951 ... 39,660	1967 ... 44,170
(1951 Census 40,396)	1968 ... 47,790
1952 ... 39,540	1969 ... 47,960
1953 ... 39,650	1970 ... 48,000
1954 ... 39,990	1971 ... 49,540
1955 ... 40,330	

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

I. LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The following services in the Borough are administered by the Somerset County Council.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Health Clinics for children under the age of five years are held at:-

St. Barnabas Church, Westbury Crescent	Mondays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m. (1st and 3rd in month)
Bournville Public Hall, Coniston Crescent	Mondays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (2nd and 4th in month)
Congregational Church Hall, Boulevard	Tuesdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m.
Baptist Church Hall, Baytree Road	Wednesdays 2.15 - 4.6 p.m.
St. Martins Church Hall, Worle	Thursdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (1st in each month)

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC ATTENDANCES 1971

	Total attendance of children in 1971	Average number of attendances at each session
Central	2325	45.5
Baytree Road	2471	47.5
Worle	283	23.5
Moorland Rd. (Jan. Feb. & March)	89	14.8
Bournville	695	31.5
Coronation	945	39.3
Bleadon	283	25.7
T O T A L	7091	

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

There are eight Health Visitors in the town, and the following is a summary of the Home Visiting work in 1971.

Visits to Ante-natal cases	571
Visits to children under 5 years	11224
Visits to school children	642
Visits to old people	2090
Visits - Tuberculosis	7
Visits - Liaison - e.g. Hospitals, Children's Officer and other Departments	3365
Other Visits	2745
	<u>20644</u>

II. LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

WATER SUPPLIES

During the year the water supply of the town was satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. 53 samples of untreated water and 92 samples of treated water were examined bacteriologically. The actual fluoride content of the water supplies to the Borough is either nil or a negligible quantity.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Extensions of sewers, new works or improvements during the year:-

<u>Completed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Shelley Road Sewer Extension	£14,000
Holland Street Sewer	£10,500

Future Proposals

Town Trunk Sewer Phase II	£130,000
Replacement of Sewer in Lower Bristol Road	9,800

HOUSING

During 1971 the Local Authority erected 110 houses. Private enterprise built 414 houses in 1971 compared with 267 in 1970. In addition, 31 flats or dwellings were gained from conversion of larger houses.

Applications for Council Houses at end of year:-	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
(a) Urgent bona fide cases	1104	949
(b) Applications for Old People's dwellings	213*	220*
	(included in 922)	(included in 949)
(c) Others	257	271
	<u>1361</u>	<u>1220</u>
Total		

The number of Permanent Dwellings in the Borough as at 31.12.71 was as follows:-

(a) Local Authority	4514
(b) Private Enterprise	12980
	<u>17494</u>

GRANTS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO PRIVATE OWNERS

	<u>Received</u>		<u>Approved</u>	
	Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	105	159	81	130
Standard Grants	51	51	49	49

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the number of notifications of infectious diseases in the town during the year.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>
Measles	44
Dysentery	-
Scarlet Fever	20
Whooping Cough	5
Infective Jaundice	3
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	2
(b) Meninges and C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	-
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	1
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	-
(b) Post-infectious	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid fever	-
Typhoid fever	-
Food Poisoning	-
Malaria	-
Leprosy	-
Erysipelas	-

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Weston-super-Mare.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year
1971.

I should like to express my appreciation of the support given to me
by the Chairman and Members of the Health and Housing Committee during the
year, and for the help and co-operation from my staff and from the
officers and staff of other departments.

Yours faithfully,

G. P. Lawrence,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

The principle of housing improvement is a good one, but so far it has failed to make a real impact on the improvement of tenanted property. Many landlords will not improve property unless the financial returns are likely to be superior to those they can obtain elsewhere.

Action Taken During Year

No. of houses included in Clearance Area for which Orders are still to be made ... Nil

No. of houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched for temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... Nil

No. of houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas) ... Nil

Housing Act, 1957 (Section 17 - Individual Unfits) ...

Number of houses lost:-

(i) (a) Houses demolished ... 1

(b) Houses closed ... 1

(ii) For other purposes (road improvements etc.) ... Nil

No. of temporary dwellings (huts etc.) demolished ... Nil

No. of houses declared unfit under

(i) Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 ... 1

(ii) Section 72 of the Housing Act, 1969 ... Nil

Number of houses made fit during year ... 13

Number of unfit houses occupied under licence.. Nil

Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Acts 1961 to 1969) ... Nil

Reconditioning of condemned houses - Exclusion from Clearance/Demolition Orders (Housing Act, 1961) ... Nil

Substitution of Closing Order for Demolition Order (Housing Act, 1961)

Action taken Nil

Housing Act, 1969 Section 28

General Improvement Areas - number of Areas so defined ... Nil

Improvement Grants - No. of applications and houses dealt with by the Local Authority during year:-

	RECEIVED		APPROVED	
	Application	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	105	159	61	130
Standard Grants	51	51	49	49
Special Grants	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Rent Act, 1957 - Certificates of Disrepair

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued during 1971.

Housing Inspections

Housing Acts ... 499
Public Health Acts ... 886
Visits re Improvement Grants ... 94
Miscellaneous ... 114

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupier Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	2	-	-
Factories not included in 1, in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	158	139	2	-
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	167	141	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found Remedied		Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S7)					
(a) insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	1	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	-	1	-

3. Outwork - Sections 133 and 134 of the Factories Act, 1961

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Sec. 133 (1)	Section 134 Notices served
Wearing apparel (making etc.)	38	-
Cleaning and washing		

CARAVAN SITES

		<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
No. of single caravans licensed	...	3	-
No. of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	...	3	7
Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	...	168	16,000
No. of sites closed	...	-	-
Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	...	-	-

The amenities provided on both holiday and residential sites appear to meet the needs of the caravanners as only a few minor complaints were received by the department during the year. Sites generally are well managed.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PEST ACT, 1949

The extermination of rats by the use of the anti-coagulant poison warfarin continued to give satisfactory results. However, mice showed a marked resistance to warfarin, and in some areas was virtually ineffective. In these areas new poisons are being used with limited success.

	Type of Property	
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural
Number of properties in district		
(a) Total No. of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	21036	39
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	199	3
(ii) Mice	18	1
(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	7706	-
(b) Number infested by		
(i) Rats	12	-
(ii) Mice	15	-

SHOPS ACT, 1950

30 inspections were made during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934-1950, dealing with general closing hours and hours of employment.

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered:-

- (a) Manufacture and Retail ... 2
(b) Retail only ... 235

Total Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
49	29	9	8	3
Percentages	59.1	18.3	16.3	6.1

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD HYGIENE

The success of effective food hygiene control depends on the education and co-operation of those engaged in food handling rather than on enforcement.

There is no substitute for regular advisory visits to all food premises by an inspector who is familiar not only with the law, but with the practical problems of the food processing and handling industry.

FOOD PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

No. of premises	...	753
No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	...	753
No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	...	695
No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	...	695

Food Premises

Bakers and Confectioners	...	26
Butchers	...	43
Fishmongers	...	11
Fried Fish Shops	...	13
Greengrocers	...	35
Grocers	...	83
Licensed Premises	...	63
Restaurants, cafes, snack bars, etc.	...	122
Hotels, Private Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	310

Inspections of Food Premises

Abattoir	...	831
Bakehouses	...	57
Butchers	...	137
Catering Establishments	...	623
Dairies and Milk premises	...	42
Fishmongers	...	37
Fried Fish Shops	...	36
Greengrocers	...	72
Grocers	...	291
Ice Cream Shops and premises	...	74
Licensed Premises	...	90
Confectionery	...	50
Sweets & Tobacco	...	69
Food premises for condemnation of food stuffs	...	161
Other Food premises	...	68

Samples Taken:-

Drinking Water	...	14
Food	...	151
Ice Cream	...	49
Milk	...	58
Swimming Bath Water	...	44

Unsound food condemned:-

Meat, Fish, etc.	...	2116 lbs.
Canned Goods	...	1045
Frozen Foods	...	6144 pkts. etc.

FOOD AND DRUGS

Samples taken during the year:- County Analyst confirmed.

Formal	...	3
Informal	...	148
Unsatisfactory analysis	...	2
Unsatisfactory Labelling	...	3
Satisfactory	...	146

The life of most foods is determined by the initial quality and condition of the raw materials and the methods of preparation and storage before and during retail distribution. The practice of some producers to accept unsold perishable food back from retailers is to be deplored. It is recognised that there are some problems associated with open date stamping of perishable foods, but the protection offered to both retailer and customers by this means is long overdue.

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS

No. of Registered Distributors	...	83
No. of Registered Dairy premises (other than dairy farms)	...	2

53 samples of designated milks were examined and the results were as follows:-

Designation	Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	51	49	2
Sterilised	2	2	-

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

No. of samples of raw milk examined = Nil

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants in the district.

DRINKING WATER

14 samples were taken and all were found to be satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATH WATER

44 samples of swimming bath water from the open air swimming pool and Knightstone Baths were submitted for bacteriological analysis, and all were found to be satisfactory.

Names of bath	Main sea other			Recirculation	Filtration	Chlorination Automatic Hand	
Knightstone Bath	-	yes	-	yes	yes	yes	-
The Pool	-	yes	-	yes	yes	yes	-

LICENCES ISSUED FOR 1971

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order	...	9
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	7
Animal Boarding Establishments	...	2
Riding Establishments	...	7

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Class of workplace	No. of premises newly registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	13	213	21
Retail Shops	13	399	53
Wholesale shops, warehouses	2	28	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	3	78	3
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0
Totals	31	718	78

No. of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to Registered Premises = 720.

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	1689
Retail Shops	1994
Wholesale departments, warehouses	159
Catering establishments open to public	598
Canteens	17
Fuel storage depots	0
Total	4457
Total Males	1849
Total Females	2608

Exemptions = 0

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections and visits	...	7706
Nuisances or complaints	...	581
Drainage inspections	...	519
Infectious Disease visits	...	46
Public Conveniences	...	34
Public & Private Refuse Tips	...	1112
Shop Act Inspections	...	30
Smoke Abatement	...	108
Stables & Piggeries	...	19
Caravan Sites	...	144
Noise Nuisances	...	340
Disease of Animals Waste Food Order	...	18
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	...	720

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Articles</u>
Disinfections	65	152
Destroyed	-	1

INSPECTION OF MEAT

Approximately 130 tons of meat was condemned as unfit for human condumption at the Abattoir by Public Health Inspectors during the year.

Animals Killed at the Public Abattoir

	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
Pigs	18,527	20,532	21,244	20,862	22,876
Sheep	53,038	44,502	35,629	23,952	27,503
Calves	975	639	377	413	303
Beasts	8,076	8,156	8,165	10,264	8,971

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING YEAR

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	5873	3098	303	27503	22876
Number inspected	5873	3098	303	27503	22876
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	39	7	149	262
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1186	1331	4	4810	7736
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	20.1	44.2	3.6	21.6	34.9
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	90
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.01	-	-	-	.3
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat con- demned (in lbs.) for:-					
(a) Tuberculosis	22	-	-	-	2206
(b) Cysticercosis	64	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	54360	88244	336	37345	108041
Total (lbs.) condemned	54446	88244	336	37345	110247

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING YEAR

	CATTLE		COWS		CALVES		SHEEP		PIGS	
	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other
Abscesses	-	606	-	191	-	-	2	7	54	374
Actinobacillosis	-	6	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	-
Actinomycosis	-	5	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1
Angioma (Teleg)	-	5	-	1028	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	15	-	89
Ascarides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	707
Biting Marks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22
Bruising	-	18	1	109	-	1	7	25	3	208
Cirrhosis	-	-	-	338	-	-	-	-	-	119
Congestion	-	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4078
Contaminated	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47
Cystic	-	5	-	126	-	-	-	2221	-	105
Cysticercosis Bovis	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Decomposition	-	17	-	14	-	-	-	-	1	2
Deformed	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dropsy	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Emphysema	-	4	-	189	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fascioliasis	-	1959	-	1014	-	-	-	1103	-	16
Fatty Change	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	48
Fever	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	20	-
Gangrene	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	1
Glanders Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	728
Haematoma	-	12	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhages	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Hydramia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-
Hydro-Nephrosis	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-
Inflammation	-	13	-	59	-	-	-	2	-	115
Injury	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
John's Disease	-	-	-	248	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaundice	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lymphoma	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melanosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Nephritis	-	34	-	214	-	-	-	24	1	18
Necrosis	-	7	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oedema	-	-	5	4	1	-	80	147	67	1172
Parasites	-	7	-	15	-	-	-	6800	-	24
Paratosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Pericarditis	-	88	-	95	-	-	-	3	-	295
Peritonitis	-	1173	-	1293	-	-	-	3	1	2517
Pleurisy	-	675	-	447	-	-	-	120	2	851
Pneumonia	-	36	-	14	-	-	-	18	-	5949
Pyæmia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	2
Pimply Guts	-	41	-	7	1	-	1	245	1	1286
Rash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Scar Tissue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Scoptic Mange	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Septic	-	-	6	-	-	-	3	6	45	145
Steatosis	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	89
Uraemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1

